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1. MARCH 29 DISCUSSIONS WITH CIVILAVIA INDICATE IMPOSSIBILITY OF
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INITIATING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS DESCRIBED REFTEL A PRIOR TO

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 1. HOWEVER, CIVILAVIA WILL BE WILLING TO APPROVE OVERFLIGHTS IN PRINCIPLE AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITHOUT SUBMISSION OF PRECISE TIMES OF ENTRY INTO AND EXIT FROM ITALIAN AIR SPACE. THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED, HOWEVER, AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO ACTUAL FLIGHT OPERATION. CIVILAVIA HOPES TO CONDENSE CONSULTATION PERIOD FROM FOUR DAYS TO TWO; THUS, IF OTHER CLEARANCES PERMIT, FLIGHTS COULD BEGIN LATE APRIL 3 OR APRIL 4, PROVIDING ENTRY/EXIT TIMES AVAILABLE APRIL 2.

2. EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS WITH FRANKFURT SEABOARD REP HUBBS AND MILAN REP SCAGLIOLA ELICITED PROMISE TO TELEX FURTHER TECHNICAL DATA ON FLIGHTS AND CARGOES SO THAT CIVILAVIA MAY BEGIN CONSULTATION PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TUESDAY MORNING.

3. NOTING MILITARY-CIVILIAN DIMENSION DISCUSSED REFTEL E, EMBOFF SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY THAT CIVILAVIA APPROVAL AND CONSULTATION PROCEDURE MIGHT BE UNNECESSARY IF FLIGHTS COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS MILITARY. CIVILAVIA, HOWEVER, UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THIS DETERMINATION AND REAFFIRMED NECESSITY FOR CIVILAVIA OVERFLIGHT APPROVAL.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: NORMALLY EMBASSY WOULD EXPECT OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES TO BE GRANTED MORE RAPIDLY FOR MILITARY FLIGHTS. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING NECESSARY CLEARANCES AND WILL ATTEMPT TO SPEED PROCESS AS SOON AS CIVILAVIA AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS RETURN TO THEIR DESKS ON TUESDAY MORNING. BEAUDRY

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